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SUBJECT: VISITS TO AND FROM SWEDEN

1. IN CONTRAST TO HIS ACTIVE PROGRAM OF VISITS ABROAD DURING 1974 AND 1975, SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER PALME FOR THE MOST PART WILL REMAIN IN SWEDEN DURING 1976 AND CONCENTRATE ON THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE SWEDISH PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER. HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE A STEADY STREAM OF HIGH-LEVEL VISITORS TO

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SWEDEN FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. ALTHOUGH THESE VISITORS

WILL OSTENSIBLY BE REPAYING VISITS MADE BY PALME TO THEIR COUNTRIES, UNDOUBTEDLY THEY HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED PRIOR TO THE ELECTIONS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM PUBLICITY FOR THE PRIME MINISTER IN HIS ROLE AS WORLD STATESMAN. MOST OF THE VISITS, WHICH WERE REPORTED TO US BY A SOURCE IN THE MFA, HAVE NOT YET BEEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED.

2. AMONG THE VISITORS PALME EXPECTS TO HOST IN THE SPRING OF 1976 ARE MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA, YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT TITO, AND CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU. ALSO TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED IS A VISIT BY CUBAN LEADER FIDEL CASTRO. PALME HAS VISITED ALL OF THESE COUNTRIES IN THE PAST YEAR. AN EARLIER VISITOR WILL BE DUTCH PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL, SCHEDULED TO COME TO STOCKHOLM DECEMBER 13-15.

3. ONE IMPORTANT TRIP THAT PALME MAY MAKE ABROAD IN 1976 IS TO THE SOVIET UNION. THE SWEDISH PRESS, QUOTING BOTH SWEDISH AND SOVIET SOURCES IN MOSCOW, REPORTED NOVEMBER 13 THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL VISIT MOSCOW NEXT SPRING. PALME'S PRESS SECRETARY DISCLAIMED KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH PLANS, BUT A MFA SOURCE HAS ADVISED US THAT A VISIT TO THE USSR IN 1976 IS LIKELY ALTHOUGH A DEFINITE TIME HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED.

4. FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON'S SCHEDULE WILL BE ACTIVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR. IN ADDITION TO HIS ALREADY ANNOUNCED OFFICIAL VISIT TO LONDON DECEMBER 4-6, HE WILL BE MAKING VISITS OF THREE DAYS EACH TO INDIA AND PAKISTAN. ALTHOUGH THE EXACT DATES ARE NOT SET, THE VISITS WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN DECEMBER. ANDERSSON WILL ALSO VISIT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE NOVEMBER 27-28
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